Alaska Health Care Commission Top Priority Policy Recommendations

Instructions: The following 17 policy recommendations fell above the line for Importance based on the results of your first ranking assignment. All of the 10 other policies fell into the "Low Importance/Low Impactability" Quadrant. For the purpose of the next steps in this exercise duplicates are eliminated (grayed -out below). To prepare for your 3-minute pitch to your fellow Commissioners the morning of October 2, please use this list of now 15 to identify the top 1 to 3 policies on which you believe the Commission could make an impact by facilitating during 2015.

CORE STRATEGIES & POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS
I. Ensure the Best Available Evidence is Used for Making Decisions
I. 1.a,d,e. Incorporate Evidence-Based Medicine in Pay & Benefit Design and Provide Decision-Support Tools (pg. 3)*
I. 1.b,c; 2. Provide Evidence-Based Medicine Training & Education (pg. 3)
II. Increase Price and Quality Transparency
II. 1. Investigate Transparency Legislation (see page 4)
II. 3. Establish an All-Payer Claims Database (APCD) (see page 4)
III. Pay for Value
III. 1,2. Implement Payment Reform; Start with PCMH (see page 4)
III. 3. Support Payment Reform with Data (see page 4)
III. 4. Convene a State of Alaska (SOA)-led Multi-Payer Collaborative (pg. 4)
IV. Engage Employers to Improve Health Plans & Employee Wellness
IV. 1. Increase Transparency (Transparency Legislation & APCD) (page 5)
IV. 2. Modify Insurance Payment Regulation (see page 5)
IV. 4. Reform Workers' Compensation Laws <i>(page 5)</i>
V. Enhance Quality and Efficiency of Care on the Front-End
V.1-5,7. Foster/Support Patient-Centric Primary Care (see page 6)
V. 6. Pilot Patient-Centered Medical Home (PCMH) Initiative (see pg.6-7)
VII. Focus on Prevention
VII. 1. Encourage and Support Healthy Lifestyles <i>(see page 9)</i>
VII. 4. Integrate Behavioral & Primary Care; Behavioral Health Screening (see page 9)
IV. 6. Adopt Opioid Control Policies & Programs <i>(see page 6)</i>
VIII. Build the Foundation of a Sustainable Health Care System
VIII. A. 1,3. Health Information Technology: Facilitate Telehealth (pg. 11)
VIII. A. 4c. Health Information Infrastructure: Establish an APCD (pg. 11)